

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

**ABSTRACT**

A sound or ultrasound sensor having a radiation characteristic with a preferably small beam angle and producing very little interference signals, including a pot-shaped housing [(1)] closed at ~~the~~ its bottom end by a floor [(3)], a piezoelectric element [(5)] for producing and/or receiving sound or ultrasound through the floor [(3)], a matching layer [(7)] between the piezoelectric element [(5)] and the floor [(3)], and a metal ring [(9)] gripping around the matching layer [(7)] with an interlocking fit. [(Fig. 1)]